

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/620,180

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to response of 3/9/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 35-44.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No./Mail Date <u>3/9/06</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The following change is made to cross-reference to related applications to be consistent with cross-reference to related applications in application 09/257,543 of which the present application is a continuation.

In the specification,

page 2, cancel lines 3-29, and insert ---

This application is a continuation of application Ser. No. 09/257,543, filed Feb. 24, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,617,142, which is a continuation of Ser. No. 09/067,188, filed Apr. 27, 1998, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,925,552, which is a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 09/001,994, filed Dec. 31, 1997, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,945,319, which is a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 08/635,187, filed Apr. 25, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,821,343; a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 08/984,922, filed Dec. 4, 1997, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,891,506, which is a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 08/694,535, filed Aug. 9, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,728,420; a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 09/012,056, filed Jan. 22, 1998, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,033,719; and a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 09/010,906, filed Jan. 22, 1998, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,928,916. All the foregoing patent applications and

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patents are hereby incorporated by reference herein, each in its respective entirety. ---.

Page 3, cancel lines 1-6.

The following change is made to claim numbering to comply with 37 CFR 1.121. Claims 1-34 were in the case before adding claims 78-87 in the preliminary amendment of 7/15/03.

Claims 78-87, renumber the claims as 35-44;

Claims 79-87, line 1, change "78" to --- 35 ---.

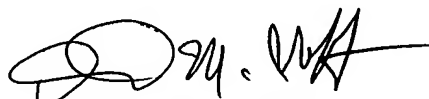
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David M. Naff whose telephone number is 571-272-0920. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mike Wityshyn can be reached on 571-272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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